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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director

FROM: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Studies or Investigations by Congressional
Bodies other than Oversight Committees


1. I've been concerned about the absence of a current understanding with the SSCI and HPSCI regarding activities of the Congress' own investigative or research arms: the GAO, the Office of Technical Assessment (OTA) and the Library of Congress, particularly the GAO and OTA. Also, today, the Surveys and Investigations Staff of the HAC can be added to the list.

2. The current GAO concern is a request to meet with CIA representatives to initiate work on an investigation, requested by a Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, of alleged CIA funding of Contra lobbying activities. The current HAC/S&I concern is a letter to the DCI requesting data for an investigation of internal audit operations and capabilities in the Intelligence Community.

3. We may be able to turn both of these off, but we can expect more of them. In fact it might be desirable to establish some positive substantive relationship with OTA, given the increasing importance of the tech transfer issue.

4. These issues, added to current Armed Services and Appropriations Committees concerns about DOD/CIA activities involving military personnel and equipment and the Foreign Affairs concerns about counter-intelligence and security overseas make it highly desirable to establish some modus vivendi with SSCI and HPSCI. Durenberger seems inclined to have his Committee be up front; Hamilton does on some issues.

5. Beyond staff level dialogue, I think this is a subject for breakfast discussion between the DCI/DDCI and the Chairmen.


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